

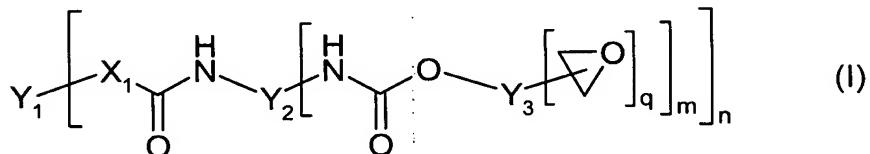
Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A composition comprising:

at least one epoxide adduct **A** having on average more than one epoxide group per molecule;

at least one polymer **B** of the formula (I)



in which:

X_1 is O, S or NH;

Y_1 is an n -valent radical of a reactive polymer after removal of the terminal amino, thiol or hydroxyl groups;

Y_2 is a divalent radical of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups or is a trivalent radical of trimers or biurets of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups;

Y_3 is a radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic epoxide containing a primary or secondary hydroxyl group after removal of the hydroxide and epoxide groups;

~~q is 1, 2 or 3; q is 2 or 3;~~

m is 1 or 2; and

n is 2, 3 or 4;

at least one thixotropic agent **C** based on a urea derivative in a non-diffusing carrier material; and

at least one hardening agent **D** for epoxy resins which is activated by elevated temperature.

2. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the epoxide adduct **A** is obtainable from the reaction of at least one dicarboxylic acid and at least one diglycidyl; or of at least one bis(aminophenyl) sulfone isomer or of at least one aromatic alcohol and at least one diglycidyl ether.

3. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the dicarboxylic acid is a dimeric fatty acid, in particular at least one dimeric C₄-C₂₀ fatty acid, and the diglycidyl ether is bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, bisphenol F diglycidyl ether or bisphenol A/F diglycidyl ether.

4. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 2, characterized in that wherein the aromatic alcohol is selected from the group consisting of 2,2-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)propane, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)methane, bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)sulfone, hydroquinone, resorcinol, pyrocatechol, naphthohydroquinone, naphtoresorcinol, dihydroxynaphthalene, dihydroxyanthraquinone, dihydroxybiphenyl, 3,3-bis(p-hydroxyphenyl)phthalides, 5,5-bis(4-hydroxyphenyl)hexahydro-4,7-methanoindane and all isomers of the abovementioned compounds and the diglycidyl ether is bisphenol A diglycidyl ether, bisphenol F diglycidyl ether or ether and bisphenol A/F diglycidyl ether.

5. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the polymer **B** is resilient.

6. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the polymer **B** is soluble or dispersible in epoxy resins.

7. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein, in formula (I), n is 2 or 3.

8. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the polymer on which Y₁ in formula (I) is based is an α,ω -polyalkylene glycol having C₂-C₆-alkylene groups or having mixed C₂-C₆-alkylene groups which is terminated with amino, thiol or, preferably, hydroxyl groups.

9. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the polymer on which Y₁ in formula (I) is based is an OH equivalent weight of 600 - 6000 g/OH equivalent, in particular of 700 - 2000 g/OH equivalent.

10. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein m is 1 and the diisocyanate on which Y₂ in formula (I) is based is preferably HDI, IPDI, MDI or TDI.

11. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the proportion by weight of all polymers **B** of the formula (I) is from 5 to 40% by weight, preferably from 7 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the total composition.

12. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the carrier material of the thixotropic agent **C** is a blocked polyurethane prepolymer.

13. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that wherein the urea derivative in the thixotropic agent **C** is the product of the reaction of an aromatic monomeric diisocyanate, in particular 4,4'-diphenylmethylenediisocyanate, with an aliphatic amine compound, in particular butylamine.

14. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the proportion by weight of the thixotropic agent **C** is 5 - 40% by weight, preferably 10 - 25% by weight, based on the weight of the total composition.

15. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 14, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the proportion of the urea derivative is 5 - 50% by weight, preferably 15 - 30% by weight, based on the weight of the thixotropic agent **C**.

16. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the hardening agent **D** is a latent hardening agent selected from the group consisting of dicyandiamide, guanamines, guanidines and aminoguanidines.

17. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ the total proportion of the hardening agent **D** is 1 - 10% by weight, preferably 2 - 8% by weight, based on the weight of the total composition.

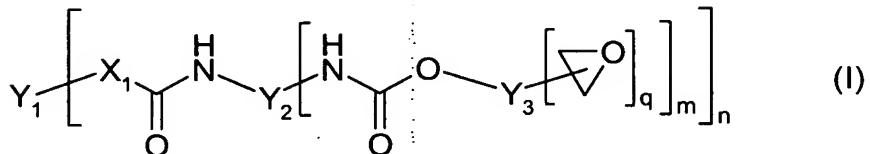
18. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ at least one filler **E** is additionally present.

19. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 15, characterized in that ~~claim 18, wherein~~ the total proportion of the filler **E** is 5 - 30% by weight, preferably 10 - 25% by weight, based on the weight of the total composition.

20. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~ at least one reactive diluent **F** carrying epoxide groups is additionally present.

21. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that ~~wherein~~, after hardening, the composition has a low-temperature fracture energy, measured according to DIN 11343, of more than 10 J at 0°C, and preferably more than 1.0 J at -40°C.

22. (Currently Amended) An impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups of the formula (I)



in which:

X_1 is O, S or NH;

Y_1 is a n-valent radical of a reactive polymer after removal of the terminal amino, thiol or hydroxyl groups;

Y_2 is a divalent radical of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups or is a trivalent radical of trimers or biurets of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups;

Y_3 is a radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic epoxide containing a primary or secondary hydroxyl group after removal of the hydroxide and epoxide groups;

q is 1, 2 or 3; q is 2 or 3;

m is 1 or 2; and

n is 2, 3 or 4; preferably 2 or 3. n is 2, 3 or 4.

23. (Currently Amended) The impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups and as claimed in claim 22, characterized in that wherein the polymer on which Y_1 in formula (I) is based is an α,ω -polyalkylene glycol having C₂-C₆-alkylene groups or having mixed C₂-C₆-alkylene groups which is terminated by amino, thiol or, preferably, hydroxyl groups.

24. (Currently Amended) The impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups and as claimed in claim 22, characterized in thatwherein the polymer on which Y₁ in formula (I) is based is a diol or triol having an OH equivalent weight of 600 - 6000 g/mol, in particular of 700 - 2200 g/OH equivalent.

25. (Currently Amended) A one-component thermally hardening epoxy resin adhesive comprising ~~The use of an~~ the impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups and as claimed as claimed in claim 22, in a one-component thermally hardening epoxy resin adhesive.

26. (Currently Amended) A two-component epoxy resin adhesive comprising ~~The use of an~~ the impact modifier terminated by epoxide groups and as claimed as claimed in claim 22, in a two-component epoxy resin adhesive.

27. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A one-component adhesive comprising ~~The use of a~~ the composition as claimed in claim 1, as a one-component adhesive.

28. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The use one-component adhesive as claimed in claim 27, characterized in thatwherein the adhesive is used for the adhesive bonding of bonds heat-stable materials, in particular of metals.

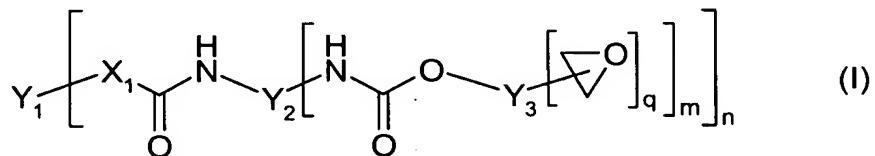
29. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The use one-component adhesive as claimed in claim 27, characterized in thatwherein the adhesive is used as an automotive body-shell construction adhesive, in automotive construction.

30. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) A method for the adhesive bonding of heat-stable materials, in particular of metals, characterized in thatwherein these materials are brought into contact with a composition as claimed in claim 1 and comprises a hardening step at a temperature of 100 - 220°C, preferably 120 - 200°C.

31. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The ~~use as claimed in~~ method of claim 30, wherein the materials being brought into contact with a composition comprising the composition comprise:

at least one epoxide adduct A having on average more than one epoxide group per molecule;

at least one polymer B of the formula (I)



in which:

X_1 is O, S or NH;

Y_1 is an n-valent radical of a reactive polymer after removal of the terminal amino, thiol or hydroxyl groups;

Y_2 is a divalent radical of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups;

or is a trivalent radical of trimers or biurets of aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic diisocyanates after removal of the isocyanate groups;

Y_3 is a radical of an aliphatic, cycloaliphatic, aromatic or araliphatic epoxide containing a primary or secondary hydroxyl group after removal of the hydroxide and epoxide groups;

~~q is 1, 2 or 3; q is 2 or 3;~~

m is 1 or 2; and

n is 2, 3 or 4;

at least one thixotropic agent **C** based on a urea derivative in a non-diffusing carrier material; and

at least one hardening agent **D** for epoxy resins which is activated by elevated temperature and the adhesively bonded materials being used at a temperature of from 100°C to -40°C, ~~preferably from 80°C to -40°C, in particular from 50°C to -40°C.~~